



THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH.  
Corner 17th and L Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

#### SHILOH'S GALA DAY.

Rev. J. Anderson Taylor Given the Degree of Doctor of Divinity by Gaudaloupe College. A Grand Reception in Which Many Prominent Divines Took Part.

The friends and members of Shiloh Baptist church were in a gracious mood last Tuesday evening. The church was decorated in gala day attire and looked as beautiful as a bright June morning. Its capacity was tested by a representative gathering of citizens within and from without the city. The occasion was in honor of the degree of Doctor of Divinity conferred by Gaudaloupe College, Seguin, Texas, on Rev. J. Anderson Taylor, the pastor of the church. The exercises began at 8 o'clock and were interesting from beginning to end. Rev. William J. Howard pastor of Zion Baptist church, acted as master of ceremonies and filled the position to the satisfaction of all. A musical program was arranged by the good choir interspersed with short and appropriate addresses by many distinguished divines. Among those who spoke were Revs. Walter H. Brooks, W. J. Howard, George W. Lee, W. B. Johnson, Francis J. Grimke and A. P. Miller. One of the features of the evening was the eloquent acknowledgement of the honors conferred on him by Dr. Taylor. In this brief speech he rehearsed the history of the church in its early struggles and told the story of his own tribulation in bringing it to its present high plain of work and of excellence. Dr. Taylor is a Virginian by birth and spent the early years of his life in Richmond. During his long and useful career in this city and as pastor of Shiloh Baptist church he has made friends by the score. He has brought Shiloh Baptist from a small building to the grand edifice that it is today, and the membership has increased from a small number high into the hundreds. The climax of the evening was reached when Dr. W. B. Ball, D. D., of Texas, made a most happy address, a part of which is herewith printed:

Dr. Ball addressing Rev. J. A. Taylor said: "You by your past labors in the cause of our denomination, have endeared yourself to the entire Baptist

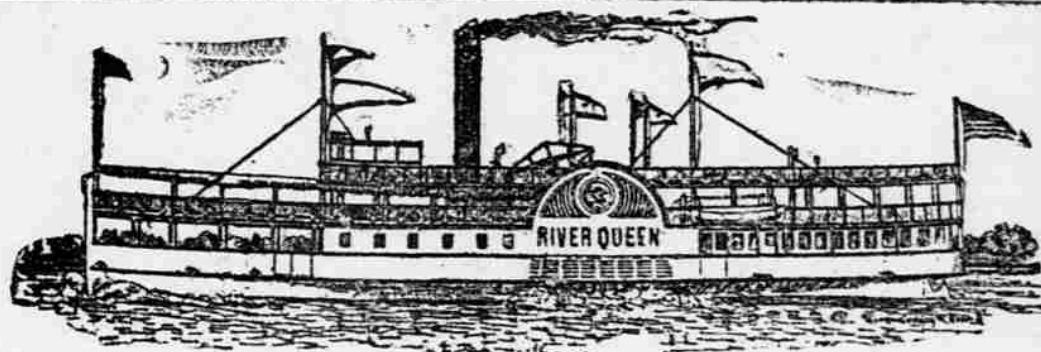
brotherhood in the state of Texas. We recognize in you a true exponent of the Baptist principles and the manly courage to advocate those principles everywhere. We also recognize in you a true gospel preacher, one who sets forth the doctrines in such a clear manner that the most intellectual will be convinced of its power, and also in such a simple manner that the little child can accept its plain teaching. We recognize in you a true pastor who knows how to watch over the flock of which Holy Ghost has made you overseer, and a great friend of home and foreign mission; for during the seven years that you were secretary of our foreign mission work you did more to place our denomination in the front ranks of those who are laboring to evangelize the world than any of your predecessors and as the representative of the million and a half colored Baptists of the United States, in the World's Evangelical Foreign Mission Conference which convened in London, England, June 9th, 1888, you did more to place our denomination before the world as one of the great factors in evangelical work, there by honoring us and winning for yourself a fame that will last through coming ages. We look upon you as being a great friend of the education of our people. We believe you to be one of the strongest advocates of everything that will develop and dignify our people educationally, morally and religiously. Believing that you are entitled to the highest honors that can be bestowed upon you, the executive board of Gaudaloupe College composed of forty of the strongest brethren in our state unanimously voted you the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, and have authorized me as their secretary to present to you this diploma as a token of their high appreciation as an able minister of the people and an exponent of the principles set forth in the New Testament."

Dr. Taylor has a wonderful career. His biography reads like a romance. Born in slavery, reared and nurtured in the period of reconstruction he has lived to see the auction block turned into a school house and the slave pen converted into a church. He was born

### WHERE TO SPEND A PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

SEASON OF 1900.

— STEAMER RIVER QUEEN TO NOTLEY HALL, —  
SUNDAY JULY 1st 1900.



Boat leaves N street wharf, Clyde Line at 2.30, 5 and 6.30 pm.

There is nothing more enjoyable than to take a trip on the Steamer River Queen Sunday afternoon, with your family, when all kinds of cold drinks and refreshments can be had at city prices. Music by Monumental Orchestra.

Take Capital Traction company's cars, Penn. Ave., 14th and 7th Sts., direct to wharf and save delay at power house and you'll not miss the boat.

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L. J. WOOLEN, Manager, Steamer River Queen Wharf.

in King and Queen County, Virginia, in 1832 and from that day until this his life has been a busy one. With his parents he moved to Richmond when twelve years of age and was put in such schools as was given to colored people at that time. At a tender age he joined the church, but his early career was devoted to politics. Gifted and brilliant by nature he added to these charms by a diligent course of reading. At an early age he was noted for his brilliancy and for his eloquence. An active young republican he occupied every position in the republican organization from a ward committeeman to an executive committeeman of the state. The last political services he performed were as delegate from the state at large to the

Shiloh Baptist church in this city. He found a membership of something over 400 in Shiloh church at that time while now the membership exceeds 1,000. Shiloh has been remodelled at a cost of something in the neighborhood of \$12,000 and he has raised more than \$35,000. Shiloh church today is one of the most popular and flourishing churches of the District of Columbia. The church is a monument to the energy, untiring zeal and the eloquence of Rev. J. Anderson Taylor.

#### THE

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Wishes to announce to the public in general that they will give

### A Grand Picnic

### At Lakeview Park,

THE NEW PLEASURE RESORT,

WEDNESDAY, JULY 4th.

It is the largest Park in the District.

Knowing the need of a Pleasure Park for our people, this park has been arranged and fitted up with a large pavilion 40 x 60 feet. Summer houses, swings, croquet grounds, and other facilities. There is plenty of shade and an abundant supply of elegant water.

HOW TO GET TO THE

PARK.

Take the Metropolitan cars; transfer to Washington and Great Falls road; get off at the station at the District Line; take the road leading to the Girls Reform School. The Park is 200 yards above the School only eight minutes walk from the cars.

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REV. J. ANDERSON TAYLOR.

Chicago National Convention in 1884, having been a delegate to two previous conventions in 1872 and 1880. So rapid was his progress and so deeply rooted was he in the confidence of the party leaders that in 1870 he was appointed by Gen. Grant in his first administration to a responsible position in the Custom House at Richmond, Va. This position he held with honor and credit from June 1870 until August 1885, serving under four different collectors. It must be said to his credit that during the sixteen years of his political life he had the confidence of all honest men of all colors and all parties. He felt, however, that politics was not his calling and that he had been selected for a higher and more noble work in life, the work of the gospel ministry. He entered the Richmond Theological Institute, stood high in his class, was licensed to preach in 1874 and ordained a regular and set apart in 1879. After holding a number of minor charges he resigned the position of General Agent of Foreign Missions as well as the pastorate of the Fifth Baptist church of Richmond and took charge of the